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Inventor: **MUHANNA ET AL.**Title: **BALL JOINTED PEDICLE SCREW AND ROD SYSTEM**

Enclosed are:

9 sheets of drawings.

An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**REQUEST FOR NONPUBLICATION OF APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 USC § 122(b) [37 CFR § 1.213(a)]**

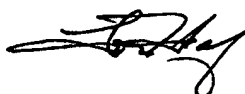
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It is requested that this application not be published under 35 USC § 122(b).

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